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PETITION REQUESTING CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION  
UNDER 37 CFR §3.81(b)

**MS Petitions**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

December 7, 2006

**Certificate  
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of Correction**

Pursuant to 37 CFR §3.81(b), Applicants respectfully request that the attached Petition be granted and that a Certificate of Correction be issued in connection with the above-referenced application to correct the error noted on the attached Form PTO-1050.

After review of the above-referenced patent, it was discovered that the Assignee to which the present application is assigned was incorrectly listed on the Issue Fee Transmittal submitted with payment of the Issue Fee submitted on December 14, 2005. Specifically, the December 14, 2005 Issue Fee Transmittal incorrectly identified the Assignee as HITACHI, LTD, of Tokyo, Japan instead of RENESAS TECHNOLOGY CORPORATION of Tokyo, Japan. Applicants submit that the above-referenced application was originally assigned to Hitachi, Ltd., as per

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